FIRST-ORDER LOGIC

SYNTAX

Term	Constants - a,b,c… Variables - x,y,z…
Function	Fixed Arity n Takes n terms as input, and forms a term
Predicate	Fixed Arity n Takes n terms as input, and forms an atom

SYNTAX

Atom	Predicate: p,q,r…
Logical Connectives	$\wedge$: and, $\vee$: or, $\neg$: not, $\rightarrow$: implies, $\leftrightarrow$: if and only if(iff)
Quantifier	$\forall$: Universal $\exists$: Existential
Literal	Atom or its negation
Formula	A literal or the application of logical connectives and quantifiers to formulae

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An occurrence of a variable is free if it is not in the scope of some quantifier

SEMANTICS - EXAMPLES

- All Humans are mortal.
  - Assume unary predicates *human* and *mortal.*

$$\forall x \,.\, human(x) \rightarrow mortal(x)$$

SEMANTICS - EXAMPLES

- There always exists someone such that if (s)he laughs, then everyone laughs.
    - Assume unary predicate *laughs.*

$$\exists x \,.\, (laughs(x) \rightarrow \forall y \,.\, laughs(y))$$

SEMANTICS - EXAMPLES

- Every dog has its day.
  - $\forall x \,.\, dog(x) \rightarrow \exists y \,.\, day(y) \land itsDay(x, y)$
- Some dogs have more days than others.
  - $\exists x, y \,.\, dog(x) \land dog(y) \land \#days(x) > \#days(y)$
- All cats have more days than dogs.
  - $\forall x, y \,.\, (dog(x) \land cat(y)) \rightarrow \#days(y) > \#days(x)$

INTERPRETATIONS

- An interpretation I is an assignment from variables (and others) to values in a specified domain.
- Domain, D_I
  - A nonempty set of values or objects. Also called universe of discourse
  - Numbers, humans, students, courses…
- Assignment, α_I
  - Maps constants, functions and predicate symbols to elements, functions and predicates (of the same arity) over D_I
  - Also maps variables to elements of the domain

INTERPRETATIONS - EXAMPLE

- Suppose $D_I = \{A, B\}$
- Constants a and b are mapped to following elements in D_I
  - $\alpha_I(a) = B \quad \alpha_I(b) = A$
- A binary function symbol f is mapped to the following actual function on D_I:
  - $\alpha_I(f) = \{(A, A) \rightarrow B,\ (A, B) \rightarrow B,\ (B, A) \rightarrow A,\ (B, B) \rightarrow B\}$
- A unary predicate symbol p is mapped to the following actual predicate on D_I
  - $\alpha_I(p) = \{A \rightarrow True,\ B \rightarrow False\}$

SEMANTICS: INDUCTIVE DEFINITION

Base Case:

$I \models \top$	
$I \not\models \bot$	
$I \models p$	iff I[p]=true
$I \not\models p$	iff I[p]=false

Inductive Case:

$I \models \neg F$	iff $I \not\models F$
$I \models F_1 \wedge F_2$	iff $I \models F_1$ and $I \models F_2$
$I \models F_1 \vee F_2$	iff $I \models F_1$ or $I \models F_2$
$I \models F_1 \rightarrow F_2$	iff $I \not\models F_1$ or $I \models F_2$
$I \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$	iff $I \models F_1$ and $I \models F_2$, or $I \not\models F_1$ and $I \not\models F_2$

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SEMANTICS - CONTINUED…

$I \vDash p(t_1, \ldots, t_n)$ iff $\alpha_I[p](\alpha_I[t_1], \ldots, \alpha_I[t_n]) = true$

$$\alpha_I[f(t_1, \ldots, t_n)] = \alpha_I[f](\alpha_I[t_1], \ldots, \alpha_I[t_n])$$

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$$I \vDash p(b)$$

$$I \vDash p(f(a, b))$$

$$I \nvDash p(f(b, a))$$

SEMANTICS - QUANTIFIERS

- An $x-$variant of interpretation $I = (D_I, \alpha_I)$ is an interpretation $J = (D_J, \alpha_J)$ such that

  - $D_I = D_J$;
  - and $\alpha_I[y] = \alpha_J[y]$ for all constant, free variable, function, and predicate symbols y, except possibly x.

- An $x-$variant of I, where x is mapped to some $v \in D_I$ is denoted by $I[x \mapsto v]$.

$$I \vDash \forall x\,.\,F \text{ iff for all } v \in D_I, I[x \mapsto v] \vDash F$$

$$I \vDash \exists x\,.\,F \text{ iff there exists } v \in D_I, I[x \mapsto v] \vDash F$$

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$$I \vDash \exists x \,.\, p(x)$$

$$I \vDash \forall x \,.\, \neg p(f(b, x))$$